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Re: Applicant: Michael J. Mitrovich
STICK LUBRICANT AND APPLICATOR
Serial No. 10/812,666
Attorney Docket No.: MITM103

Dear Mr. Reese:

On May 18, 2005, we submitted a Request for Reconsideration of Petition. Included with this Request for Reconsideration were the Supplemental Declaration in Support of Petition to Make Application Special, Petition for Extension of Time (2 months), along with a check in the amount of \$225.00 for this fee and the requested copy of the Decision on Petition to Make Special (Infringement & Energy).

As noted on Page 2 of the Decision on Petition to Make Special, "...Applicant should promptly submit a renewed petition to the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. The envelope should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600." We submitted the items referenced above to this address and it was returned to us. (Please see copy of enclosed envelope).

Due to the return of the envelope we are now in the 3 month extension time period. Because the envelope was addressed per the instructions on the Decision on Petition to Make Special, we respectfully request that the request for Reconsideration of Petition be accepted and that the 2 month extension fee also be accepted.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Best regards,



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MICHAEL J. MITROVICH

Serial No.: 10/812,666

Filed: 03/29/2004

Group Art Unit: 3682

Title: STICK LUBRICANT AND
APPLICATOR

Confirmation No.: 3579

Attorney Docket No.: MITM103

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102 (c) and 37 CFR §1.102(d)**
Mailed: January 26, 2005

To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Attn: Technology Center 3600
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Commissioner:

On November 11, 2004, Applicant petitioned to make special (infringement and energy) the above identified application.

On January 26, 2005, the Office released "decision on Petition to Make Special (infringement and energy)," dismissing both grounds on the Petition to Make Special.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the dismissal of the Petition to Make Special under 37 CFR §1.102(d), MPEP 708.02, Section II: Infringement. Supplementing this Request for Reconsideration is a Supplemental Declaration in Support of Petition to Make Application Special signed by the inventor (enclosed).

Serial #: 10/812,666
Filing Date: March 29, 2004
Attorney Docket No.: MITM103

A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed and fee, as well as a copy of the original Decision on Petition to Make Special.

If the Office has any questions about this, or needs any additional information, please feel free to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Dated this 18th day of May 2005.

Very respectfully,



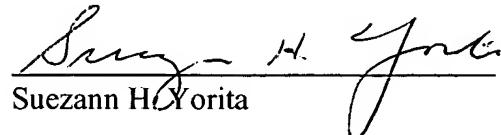
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

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Attn: Technology Center 3600
Washington, D.C. 20231

DATE: May 18, 2005



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**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF PETITION
TO MAKE APPLICATION SPECIAL**

In supplement to my earlier filed Declaration in support of the accompanying Petition to Make Special, I, Michael J. Mitrovich, declare and say:

1. I am the Applicant in the above-referenced patent application;
2. The subject matter of the above-referenced application is currently being made, used, and/or sold by at least one third party without my permission. This is an infringement of my Patent Application;
3. I have personally made a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device with the claims of the above Application. It is my opinion that some of the claims are infringed;
4. I have caused to be made a careful and thorough search of the prior art and I have good knowledge of the prior art;
5. Expedited examination of the above Application is necessary to protect my rights;
6. The pertinent prior art or most closely related subject matter known to Applicant are: Evans (151,108), Brinkerhoff (282,837), Ridsdale (517,300), Emery (827,518), Giles (849,784), Conniff (990,034), Conniff (1,010,237), Meek (1,010,935), Dawson (990,637), Faul (1,097,921), Eichelberger (1,438,026), Strughold et al. (2,589,582), Allen (3,027,974), Takimoto (3,896,903), Pastusek (4,381,824), Dombroski et al. (4,711,320), Dial (4,915,195), Aracil (5,054,582),

Szatkowski et al. (5,251,724), Ross et al. (5,305,853), Burke (5,337,860), Szatkowski et al. (5,358,072), Houser, Jr. et al. (5,518,085), Jamison (6,182,793), and Chalmers (2002/0020793).

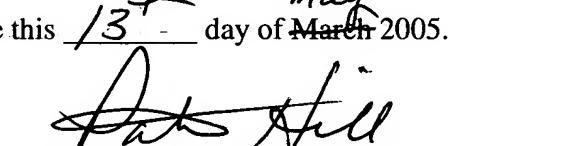
7. These references were submitted to the USPTO as an IDS on March 7, 2005.
8. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made upon information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the Application and any patent issuing therefrom;

Further, Declarant sayeth naught.

DATED this 13 day of ^{MAY} ~~March~~ 2005.


Michael J. Mitrovich

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 13th day of ^{May} ~~March~~ 2005.

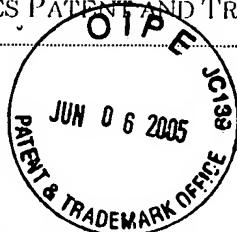

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DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL
(INFRINGEMENT &
ENERGY)

This is a decision on the petition filed November 11, 2004 under 37 CFR 1.102 (c) and 37 C.F.R §1.102(d) to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in MPEP 708.02, Section II: Infringement and VI: Energy.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 C.F.R. 1.102 (c), MPEP 708.02, Section VI for an invention which materially contributes to (A) the discovery or development of energy resources, or (B) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources must be accompanied by statements under 37 CFR 1.102 by applicant or his attorney explaining how the invention materially contributes to category (A) or (B) set forth above.

The petition states that the present invention conserves energy in that it reduces rail car friction thereby increasing fuel efficiency of the railroad industry. However, applicant has not provided any facts in support of this statement. The petition should include an explanation describing the features and/or uses of the claimed invention which result in the conservation of energy. Additionally, the petition itself should provide all the facts necessary to render a decision. For example, it is unclear what is meant or encompassed by "reduced rail car friction" or "increasing fuel efficiency". The statement is inadequate to establish for the record the discovery or development of energy resources, or more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources.

For the above stated reasons, the petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. 1.102 (c), MPEP 708.02, Section VI: Energy is DISMISSED.

MPEP 708.02 states that a Petition to Make Special based on Infringement must have the following: (1) the appropriate petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h); (2) a statement by the assignee, applicant, or attorney alleging: (A) that there is an infringing device or product actually on the market or method in use; (B) that a rigid comparison of the

alleged infringing device, product or method with the claims of the application has been made, and that, in his or her opinion, some of the claims are unquestionably infringed; and (C) that he or she has made a careful and thorough search of the prior art, or has good knowledge of the prior art, and has sent a copy of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims.

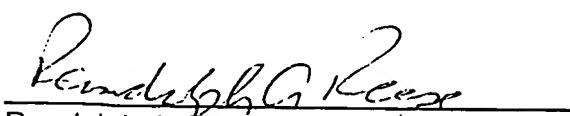
The petition lacks requirement 2(C) above. While applicant states that he has made a thorough search of the prior art and has good knowledge of the pertinent prior art no copies or list of the art has been provided. Applicant should provide a listing of the pertinent prior art or most closely related subject matter. If pertinent prior art or the most closely related subject matter is provided such is a sufficient showing for the petition process. However, for examination purposes applicant should provide the pertinent prior art in an IDS.

In view of these deficiencies, the petition to make under 37 C.F.R §1.102(d), MPEP 708.02, Section II: Infringement is DISMISSED.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. Should petitioner desire reconsideration, he should supplement this petition by a declaration or statement giving the information as outlined above. Applicant should promptly submit a renewed petition to the

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. The envelope should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600.

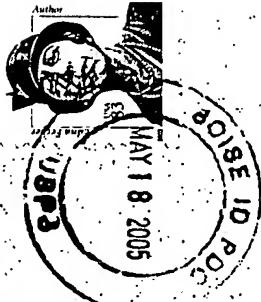
Until the renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.



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